

Selected Poetry.

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THE OLD UNION WAGON.

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In Uncle Sam's Dominion, in eighteen sixty

The fight between Secession and Union was

The South declared they'd have the "rights"

Or in their secession wagon, they'd all take

Cheer—Hurrah, for the wagon—the

Old Union wagon, we'll stick to our wagon,

And all take a ride.

The makers of our wagon, were men of solid

They made it out of "Charter Oak" that

Its wheels are of material, the strongest and

Two are named the North and South, and

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

Our wagon led is strong enough for any

In fact 'tis the "Hull" of the old "Constitution."

Her coupling's strong, her axle long, and any

No monarch frown can "back her down"—no

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

This good old wagon the nation's all ad-

Her wheels had run for four-score years and

Her passengers were happy, as along her way

For the good old Union wagon was the glory

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

But when old Abraham took command, the

Because the public fat was gone that kept

And when he gathered up the reins, and

She ploughed into secession, and knocked some

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

Now while in this secession mire, the wheel

Some tory passengers got mad, and cursed

But Abraham "couldn't" see it, so he didn't

There's too much black mud on the wheel,

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

So Abraham gave them notice that in eighteen

Unless the rebels "died it up" he'd set their

And then the man that led the van to fight

Would drop his gun and home he'd run, to

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

When Abraham said "and free the slaves that

He opened Northern traitor's mouths, and

And Southern traitors eyes;

And they, "well run away, if

But Abraham "guessed" perhaps they'd best

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

Around our Union wagon, with soldiers to

A million soldiers rally, with hearts as true

And of all the Generals, high or low, that

There's none that strikes a blow that

General Emancipation.

Quorum—Hurrah, etc.

VALLANDIGHAM'S LETTER.

The letter of this great unhung,

advising the Copperheads to organize

the party into a mob, and retaliate

in kind, is a little too much even

for the regular copper-headed, copper-

fastened papers. The Crisis gives

the letter, but makes no comment.

Vallandigham dived deeper that

time than even Medary can follow,

and when a man does that he gets

where political cash can't find him.

Where there is a bottom Medary will

find it, but Vallandigham, when he

wrote that letter, went down to the

bottomless pit.—Sentine.

During General Sherman's ex-

pedition a wounded Federal officer

orawled into the yard of a secesh

planter, when the latter took an axe,

and with a fendishness scarcely

credible, struck him on the head,

killing him instantly. A small party

of Federal soldiers, coming up short-

ly after, the negroes told them of it,

when they immediately shot the

planter and placed him in the house,

which they burned to the ground.

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MURFREESBORO.

MORTON, who is that beautiful

girl across the street, who has just

alighted from the open carriage,

and is entering the store opposite us,

asked Elwood Sherman of his com-

panion, Elliot Morton, as they stood

upon one of the most frequented

streets of a fashionable Southern

city.

"That lady," he replied, "is none

other than my fair-haired Sister

Julia, of whom you have so frequ-

ently heard me speak. I had not not-

iced her proximity to us until you

said."

"By Jove, Morton," she is the love-

liest creature I have seen since I

set foot upon this glorious Southern

soil. You must be proud of her."

"Yes, she is our idol, and the only

daughter of a young widowed moth-

er. She is what her looks indicate,

one of the sweetest girls in the world,

and a most perfect paragon of inno-

cence and love."

I insist upon being presented to

her, Morton, and at the earliest op-

portunity convenient. Will you not

favor me with an introduction?"

As he ceased speaking, Julia Mor-

ton emerged from the store, entered

the open barouche, and was driven

off. Sherman followed her retreat-

ing form with his admiring gaze;

and was too much enraptured with

his new-found passion to hear perfectly

the careless-spoken assent of his

friend, who seemed not to notice his

half-unconscious manner.

Morton Sherman was a tall, hand-

some man, with dark, curling hair,

and splendid eyes. He had lately

come South from far-off New Eng-

land, and about six weeks previous,

made the acquaintance of Elliot Mor-

ton, who was, like himself, a young

looking fellow, with deep blue eyes

and brown hair. Those who had

known him, had been struck by his

pleasant, and were often to be seen

gentlemanly, frank, and of a

man having won, not only the

favor and esteem of Morton, but

the affection of his sister, Julia.

He knew nothing of the strange

friendship which had sprung up

between him and the Southern girl,

and was not at all disposed to

interfere with it.

Evening came, and Sherman was

at his friend's mansion promptly at

the appointed hour. He was for-

mally introduced to Julia Morton by

her brother, and was received by her

as his chosen friend. She was all

that Sherman's enthusiastic imagina-

tion had painted her—a woman per-

haps eighteen years of age, looking

much younger, with mild blue eyes

that resembled those of her stately

brother, except that they were less

intense; fair brown hair which fell

in wavy profusion about her neck

and shoulders, and a complexion fit

for a hour of the old time. She was

above the medium height, and

symmetrically proportioned. Her

voice was rich and liquid as the

rippling cadence of sweet-toned water-

falls.

As might have been expected, Sher-

man was charmed with her unfeigned

innocence and cultivated manners.

The hours, to him, flew swiftly by,

and when the moment arrived for

his departure, he quitted her coveted

society reluctantly, and was half an-

gry with the time which flew so

rapidly on rosy wings. He was gently

requested to call again, however,

which mollified to some extent the

pain of his withdrawal, from her

presence.

Each evening found him a visitor

at his friend's dwelling, and each

evening more than the preceding one,

insured him a warmer welcome.

Julia received him the more warmly

at first, knowing, as her brother had

told her, that he was his dearest

friend, and merited her most implicit

confidence. But soon another and a

deeper motive was awakened within

her inexperienced heart, to welcome

his visits. She soon learned to look

and long for him, and gradually his

image wove itself steadily about her

heart, and though herself unconscious

of the fact, he had already grown to

be a part of her being. She loved

him. This state of affairs soon be-

came apparent to the object of her

love, who, strange to say, as soon as

he had gained the fair girl's love,

lost in proportion to the increase of

her passion, his infatuation.

Six weeks had elapsed since his

introduction to her, and Julia knew

no other object than Sherman upon

whom she lavished her every thought.

She had confessed to him, her wild

adoration, in answer to his eloquen-

tly-worded declarations. One eve-

ning about this period, he asked her

to walk with him, and enjoy the beau-

ties of a moonlight scene, together

with the thousand interesting enjoy-

ments of a late with an accepted

lover. Her brother was absent, and

against the advice of her mother who

kindly counseled her to refuse, she

accepted his proposition, and went.

In his blind love for him, she had

directly disobeyed her poor mother,

to gratify him who to her was life.

Sherman was in one of his most

eloquent vein, and what with his

telling the soft witcheries of the night,

and dwelling upon the purity and

ideality of his love for her, she was

charmed beyond expression. Before

returning home, she consented to

enter a restaurant and partake of some

refreshments. He ordered wine, of

which she drank reluctantly, and not

being habituated to its use, its influ-

ence was soon apparent upon her.

Sherman, blinded by a passion which

now grew bold, and stimulated by

the wine he had drunk, determined

at once to take advantage of her al-

most helpless condition. She re-

quested to be taken home, and under

the pretence of complying, he pro-

ffered to go, but instead of going, he

led her into an adjoining room. She

feebly protested against entering,

but assured of his undying adoring

love, she permitted him to lead her

within. Here we drop the curtain

over his villainy, not having the heart

to write his crime. When she came

out, it was late, the moon had gone

down, and the street lamps had been

lighted; but poor, trusting Julia Mor-

ton was lost, eye, more than lost.—

Lost to virtue, honor and purity; and

there was left to her but a ruined

life.

The battle of Murfreesboro!

What a thrill of anguish, interming-

led with feelings of awe and pride,

pervades the soul of every loyal

American at the sound of these words!

The awful contest raged at its fier-

est height. Our noble troops had

driven the enemy, maddened with

all the fury and desperation of a de-

serted cause, from many a well-chosen

position; and had, in turn, been com-

pelled to fall back. The terrible

fighting continued until the first of

January. The cold winds of winter

shrieked like a lost spirit over the

field, among the slain and dying,

and yet it could not be called a

war of the dying. History

records the carnage of that day, but

not the deeds of valor—records the

hard-won glory of many a hero,

among whom stands, not least, the

commander of our army, but it has

failed to give the world a thousand

incidents that occurred on that

memorable occasion. Among the

number is one which has much to do

with our story.

Major Morton, said the com-

mander in chief, "You see that bat-

tery on an eminence to our right—

It is fast destroying our men. Can

you take it?"

"General," replied the Major, "can

you turn to my right hand, and

tailor the favorite one of his com-

mander, he ordered them to 'charge'.

In magnificent order they started

for the coveted position, followed by

the keen eye of the hero and warrior

whose deeds have emblazoned his

story's page.

"General, he will be repulsed," re-

marked an officer.

"Never," cried the commander, with

a flashing eye turned full upon him

who had voluntarily made the remark.